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IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S)
CERTIFICATION OF RURAL CARRIERS')
ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE FEDERAL HIGH-COST)
UNIVERSAL SUPPORT, PURSUANT TO THE)
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996, THE)
FCC'S MAY 23, 2001 ORDER, AND OTHER)
RELATED FCC ORDERS.)

CAUSE NO. 42067

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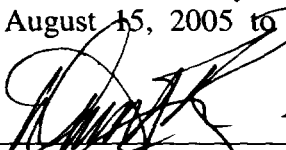
You are hereby notified that on this date, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") has caused the following entry to be made:

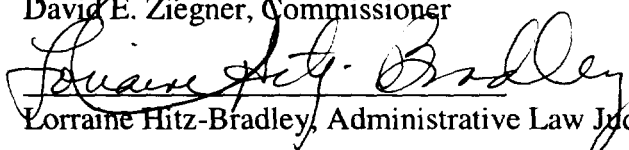
On May 23, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission issued an Order¹ ("the FCC's RTF Order") assigning to state commissions the responsibility of certifying whether rural carriers are using federal high-cost support in a manner consistent with the requirements of Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Pursuant to Section 254(e), carriers must use universal service support "only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended." The FCC's RTF Order provided that state certifications should be submitted by October 1 each year for payments to be made during the following calendar year. If a carrier is not certified by its state commission, it will not receive federal high-cost support.

In order to carry out the FCC's directive, this Commission issued a consolidated order in this Cause and Cause No. 40785 prescribing forms to be filled out and procedures to be followed by those rural carriers seeking certification. The Commission has also modified those forms used by ETCs to provide supporting information and certify that universal service funds are being used consistently with the FCC's mandates. We so notify carriers that we require that the attached forms be completed by Monday, August 15, 2005 to receive certification for the upcoming fiscal year.²

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: June 29, 2005


David E. Ziegner, Commissioner


Lorraine Hitz-Bradley, Administrative Law Judge

¹ *In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service and the MAG Plan, Fourteenth Report and Order*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256.

² Carriers are also advised that the Commission will be adopting the FCC's recently revised ETC guidelines for the federal fiscal year beginning October 1, 2006. Therefore, the Commission anticipates a further revision of the appropriate certification forms to adopt those guidelines in the next year.

AFFIDAVIT

As an authorized corporate officer of _____
(company name), I, _____ (print name), under
penalty of perjury, hereby affirm familiarity with and understanding of the requirements
of the Communications Act of 1934 as amended by the Telecommunications Act of 1996
with respect to the receipt of Universal Service funds and affirm that funds received for
high cost loop support (47 C.F.R., Part 36), local switching support (47 C.F.R. §54.301),
and any high cost support received as a result of a purchase of exchanges (47 C.F.R.
§54.305) will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and
services for which the support is intended pursuant to 47 U.S.C. 254(e).

(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, A.D. 20____

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My Commission Expires _____

**2005 Revised High Cost Universal Service Funding Certification
For All Eligible Telecommunications Companies
IURC Cause No. 42067**

Each ETC is required to complete this form in order to receive certification by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission that the carrier is eligible to receive federal high-cost loop support. If a particular question does not apply, simply mark it "N/A." If you need to attach additional sheets, please do so. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Richardson of the Telecommunications Division at 317-232-2785.

Carrier Name: _____

Study Area Code _____

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Carrier Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____ **FAX:** _____

1. With regard to your Study Area(s)¹ please provide the following information, using the most current year-end financial statements (preferably audited):

High Cost Loop Support: \$ _____

Local Switching Support \$ _____

¹ Study area refers to the geographic area established by a State Commission for the purpose of determining universal service obligations and support mechanisms according to § 214(e)(5).

Long Term Support	\$ _____
Interstate Common Line Support	\$ _____
Interstate Access Support:	\$ _____
Total Federal Support:	\$ _____
Intrastate SLC/EUCL Revenues:	\$ _____
Interstate SLC Revenues	\$ _____
Total Number of Lifeline Customers ²	_____
Number of customers that have received LinkUp discounts ³	_____

2. Explain how your company plans to use federal universal service funds it will receive in the coming calendar year. Indicate below how those funds will be applied to provision, maintain, and upgrade eligible facilities and services.

Provision: \$ _____

Maintenance: \$ _____

Upgrade: \$ _____ *

***Please describe all network infrastructure upgrade projects below (attach additional sheets if necessary).**

² To calculate this number, use the most updated figure as of the date of this survey.

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3. Describe the level of access to broadband/high-speed, advanced services presently available to your customers⁴. Information can include but is not limited to digitized central offices, packet switching, DSLAM equipment, and high-speed asymmetric DSL lines.

4. What future infrastructure investments, if any, are planned to enhance customer access to advanced services?

5. Does the ILEC that is receiving USF funding have a CLEC or affiliate operations? If so, please explain the exchanges in which that CLEC or affiliate is doing business within Indiana. If there is such a CLEC or affiliate, what safeguards are in place to ensure the separation of the ILEC from that entity and prohibit the CLEC affiliate/division's use of, or benefit from, any ILEC USF funds or USF-funded improvements to the either the ILEC's network or facilities?

⁴ *In the Matter of Federal-State Board on Universal Service and the MAG Plan, Fourteenth Report and Order*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 00-256 at Paragraphs 200-201. The FCC Order appears to encourage the use of federal high-cost loop support for the deployment of equipment capable of providing access to advanced services.